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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: JOINT STATEMENTS

REF: A. STATE 190361; B. STATE 190359

1. HAVE COMPARED DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT TEXTS FOR SECRETARY'S VISITS TO KABUL AND ISLAMABAD AND BELIEVE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE ADDED TO KABUL TEXT TO ACHIEVE BETTER BALANCE:

A. FINAL SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF TEXT PROPOSED FIRST REFTEL SHOULD READ "THE SECRETARY OF STATE EXPRESSED THE UNITED STATES' STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE RECENT INITIATIVES WHICH HAVE IMPROVED RELATIONS AMONG THE STATES OF THE REGION AND EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION FOR PRESIDENT DAOUD'S EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD." AS THE DRAFTS PRESENTLY READ, BHUTTO GETS CONGRATULATIONS AND DAOUD DOES NOT. THEY BOTH DESERVE PRAISE.

B. FINAL SENTENCE OF KABUL JOINT STATEMENT SHOULD BE "BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES OF AFGHANISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES". BOTH STATEMENTS WOULD THEREBY REFER TO PEOPLES AS WELL AS GOVERNMENTS.

2. WE SUGGEST FURTHER THOUGHT BE GIVEN TO THE SENTENCE READING "THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY OF AFGHANISTAN." AS WRITTEN, THIS IMPLIES A NEW COMMITMENT ON OUR PART TO THE DEFENSE OF AFGHANISTAN. IF THE AFGHANS WERE TO ACCEPT THIS PHRASEOLOGY, AND IT IS QUES-

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TIONABLE WHETHER THEIR NON-ALIGNED POSTURE AND THEIR RELATIONS

WITH THE SOVIETS WOULD PERMIT THEM TO DO SO, THEY WOULD WANT
TO KNOW WHAT TANGIBLE FORM OUR SUPPORT FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE
AND SECURITY MIGHT TAKE. WE SUGGEST THIS SENTENCE BE REVISED TO
READ: "THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSED NOT ONLY ITS CONTINUING
SUPPORT FOR THE WELL-BEING OF AFGHANISTAN AND ITS PEOPLE BUT
ALSO ITS RESPECT FOR THE DEVOTION OF THE LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF
AFGHANISTAN TO THEIR COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE."
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